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Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A topical composition for treating microbes, in order to inhibit or prevent the growth on the skin or scalp of said microbes, comprising:

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a) from about 0.001% to about 10%, by weight of the composition, of an anti-microbial active selected from the group consisting of polyvalent metal salts of pyrithione;

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b) from about 0.001% to about 10%, by weight of the composition, of a metal ion source selected from group consisting of zinc salts, copper salts, silver salts, nickel salts, cadmium salts, mercury salts, bismuth salts, and mixtures thereof; and

c) a topical carrier for the anti-microbial active and the metal salt;

wherein the weight ratio of the metal source to the anti-microbial active is from about 5:100 to about 5:1 and wherein at least 50% of the anti-microbial active is insoluble in the composition and [further wherein the pH of the composition is greater than 7 when the metal ion source is a zinc salt.]

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Please add new claims 47-50 as follows:

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47. (New) A topical composition for treating microbes, in order to inhibit or prevent the growth on the skin or scalp of said microbes, comprising:

a) from about 0.001% to about 10%, by weight of the composition, of an anti-microbial active selected from the group consisting of polyvalent metal salts of pyrithione;